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In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Referring initially to Figure 1, a semiconductor device, more specifically a bootable device, and still more specifically a flash memory device, is shown and generally designated 10. As shown, the device includes plural sectors. The sectors labeled "sector 5", "sector 6", and "sector 74" are all uniformly sized, relatively large sectors. This means they all have the same number of memory cells. On the other hand, the sectors labeled "sector 0", "sector 1", "sector 2", and "sector 3" are non-uniformly sized, compared to the uniformly sized sectors, are relatively small and, hence, can be referred to as "baby sectors". These sectors are also known as "boot sectors". The sectors 0-3 can be the same size as each other or, as shown, the sectors 1 and 2 can have the same size, sector 0 can be larger than sector 1, and sector 3 can be larger than sector 0. In any case, the boot sectors are generally smaller than the uniform sectors.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] While the particular SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ERASE TEST OF INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE HAVING NON-HOMOGENEOUSLY SIZED SECTORS as herein shown and described in detail is fully capable of attaining the above-

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described objects of the invention, it is to be understood that it is the presently preferred embodiment of the present invention and is thus representative of the subject matter which is broadly contemplated by the present invention, that the scope of the present invention fully encompasses other embodiments which may become obvious to those skilled in the art, and that the scope of the present invention is accordingly to be limited by nothing other than the appended claims, in which reference to an element in the singular is not intended to mean "one and only one" unless explicitly so stated, but rather "one or more". All structural and functional equivalents to the elements of the above-described preferred embodiment that are known to those of ordinary skill in the art are expressly incorporated herein by reference and are intended to be encompassed by the present claims. Moreover, it is not necessary for a device or method to address each and every problem sought to be solved by the present invention, for it to be encompassed by the present claims. Furthermore, no element, component, or method step in the present disclosure is intended to be dedicated to the public regardless of whether the element, component, or method step is explicitly recited in the claims. ~~No claim element herein is to be construed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph, unless the element is expressly recited using the phrase "means for".~~